

teaspoonful in 2 ounces of water every two hours. 10 P.M. Pulse and temperature gradually fell during the day. Drain, which had acted well, removed, 26th. Bowels opened twice naturally. From this time the child made an uninterrupted recovery. It was fed from the mother's breast during the day until it was discharged, cured, August 13th.

REMARKS.

These cases show that we must not give up rectal injections. In a certain number of cases the intussusception can be reduced by this means even when used a considerable time after the onset of the attack. In Case I the child had been ill 30 hours, Case IV 48 hours, and Case IX only 7 hours. I wish to emphasise this because Mr. Owen, in the current *Yearbook of Treatment*, in his very kindly notice of my previous paper, remarks "that we shall probably obtain better results if we altogether discard the treatment by rectal injections." In Case XIV I opened the abdomen after using an oil injection because I fancied I could still feel a small hard mass. As it turned out I was wrong, and should have done well to have waited, for I found that the intussusception had been completely reduced; and the child unfortunately died in 48 hours of sapremia as the result of the abdominal section. The injections, if they are to be of any use, must be given intelligently. An anaesthetic must be given, the buttocks must be raised, and warm olive oil injected by means of an ordinary enema syringe. If the anus is held around the nozzle of the syringe, very considerable pressure can be exercised on the column of oil. Common sense must tell us how much pressure to put on and when to desist. The amount of pressure could be accurately measured by allowing the oil to run in of its own weight from a special apparatus, but this is not always at hand. After apparently reducing the intussusception by injection, be careful not to lose sight of the child for a few days even though the symptoms disappear, and it passes a natural motion. The intussusception is very liable to recur. Case XV is an example of this. I think injections of warm oil should be given in all cases after the child is under the anaesthetic, even in cases of long standing when we know that it is impossible to complete the reduction by this means. My reasons are these: It always reduces the intussusception to a certain extent, and in the best and gentlest possible way; and in this way lessens the shock of the coming operation, because it lessens the manipulation of the intestines. It is especially useful in those cases in which we find the intussusception in the rectum; because if we do not use it we may find some difficulty in getting our fingers below the tumour to begin the squeezing process. After opening the abdomen in cases of long standing, where we find that the intussusception stops moving to gentle pressure, I think it would probably be better to resect at once. One can nearly always reduce these intussusceptions if we take time and use considerable pressure; but after this prolonged manipulation, which must add enormously to the shock, we probably find when the reduction is completed that the bowel is torn so much that we have no alternative but resection, which we now have to do under the worst possible conditions. I feel sure that in these bad cases we shall get better results by resecting directly we find that force must be used. I am strongly in favour of draining in all these cases by means of a small gauze drain surrounded by a piece of gutta-percha tissue placed just within the abdominal cavity; this can generally be removed in twenty-four hours.

MEMORANDA:

MEDICAL, SURGICAL, OBSTETRICAL, THERAPEUTICAL, PATHOLOGICAL, ETC.

A CASE OF PULMONARY CARCINOMA.

I was called to see on January 26th, 1897, a married woman, aged 49. Her illness commenced on November 5th, 1896, and she attributed it to catching cold. Her earliest symptoms consisted of shivering, shortness of breath, and a troublesome cough; about a fortnight afterwards her face and neck swelled up and became very tender; she gradually got worse, the cough becoming more troublesome and the expectoration more purulent and blood-stained.

When I first saw her she was downstairs suffering from severe dyspnoea, with cough and muco-purulent expectoration, which contained a good deal of blood mixed with it. Examination of the chest revealed dulness from the suprasternal notch for about 3 inches and a-half below and to the right, and an inch to the left; very little air entered the right apex, and there was also tubular breathing at the left base; there were also rhonchi over both lungs. The cardiac sounds were normal, as also was the temperature, and she complained of no pain.

She improved a little with rest in bed, but on February 12th phlebitis of the left subclavian vein came on; this gradually subsided under treatment, and for about six weeks she showed signs of improvement. Her appetite returned, and she got up, and even ventured downstairs, expressing herself as feeling better and stronger. The dulness at the apex remained the same, but the tubular breathing at the left base disappeared early in April.

After this she got steadily worse, the dyspnoea and cough became very spasmodic, and she suffered from pains darting up and down the spine. She died on May 20th, and shortly before her death the breathing at the right base became tubular, and both feet and legs oedematous.

The *post-mortem* examination revealed a cancerous mass as large as a cocoanut, occupying the middle and posterior mediastinum, extending along the root and into the substance of the right lung; there was also evidence of recent bronchopneumonia of the left base, but the other organs were healthy, though congested.

Enfield, N.

G. GREENWOOD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

A CASE OF SEPTIC PNEUMONIA.
THE following case of undoubted septic pneumonia seems worth recording:

C. H. H., aged 71 years, had been suffering from spinal paralysis for three years, and was in very feeble health. On September 25th he had a rigor, his temperature was 103° F., and the respirations 60. The following morning the right lung was almost entirely consolidated; he was scarcely conscious, and was breathing stertorously. I removed a dental plate from the upper jaw, and a gangrenous condition of the mucous membrane of the hard palate revealed itself; the stench was horrible beyond description. There is no doubt that the poison he had been inhaling and swallowing was the cause of the pneumonia. His manservant, who had been in his service for several weeks, said he was certain that the plate had never been removed during that time. Death took place in less than three days from the beginning of the attack, the temperature reaching 108° before the end.

South Kensington.

ARTHUR TROWER.

REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

J. F. PAYNE, M.D., President, in the Chair.

Tuesday, November 2nd, 1897.

EMPYEMA OF THE ANTRUM IN A CHILD.

MR. D'ARCY POWER recorded a case of the above, which was a condition rarely met with. The child was 8 weeks old, and came under observation with an abscess discharging below the right eye. Delivery had been effected with forceps, much bruising having resulted. When a month old the right cheek swelled, suppuration ensued, and then extensive necrosis of the upper jaw. Death took place ten days afterwards. One case of a similar nature had been recorded by Dr. Owen Rees in the *London Medical Gazette*; in this instance birth took place with the face to the pubes, and to this Rees ascribed the injury which led to the suppuration.

Mr. W. G. SPENCER had seen one example of antral empyema associated with noma; death was due to septic pneumonia.

A CASE OF ACROMEGALY WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THIRTY-FOUR RECORDED EXAMPLES.

Mr. PERCY FURNIVALL reported the case of a man, aged 58, who had complained of numbness, weakness, and trembling,

proof could be given of the esteem in which Mr. Hughes was held. He leaves three daughter and two sons, one of them being the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the well-known minister.

GEORGE BAGSTER PHILLIPS, M.R.C.S., L.M.ENG.,
L.S.A.LOND.

By the death, from apoplexy, of Mr. G. B. Phillips, on October 27th, East London has lost a very well known practitioner. Mr. Phillips's first qualification was obtained in 1861, and he was one of the oldest of the metropolitan police surgeons, having been surgeon to the H Division for more than thirty years. Some time ago his name became widely known in connection with the "Jack the Ripper" murders. A considerable number of these atrocious crimes were committed in the district in which he lived, and he was employed by the police to make necropsies on the mutilated victims. The praiseworthy manner in which he performed these duties procured him a well-merited reputation, and he has been repeatedly referred to by the magistrates at the metropolitan police-courts for expert evidence. He was always courteous to and popular with his professional brethren, and his familiar presence will be sorely missed by them.

ROBERT CHARLES MACWATT, M.D.,

Duns.

DR. R. C. MACWATT, of Duns, died on October 11th, after an illness of some months' duration. He was the son of the late Mr. D. MacWatt, solicitor, of Duns, and was born in that town on May 12th, 1828. He received his medical education at Edinburgh University, and after a successful career as a student, during which he gained several prizes in surgery, he took the degree M.D.Edin. in 1850. He commenced practice in Duns in the same year, and in 1852 was appointed medical officer to the parish. The Parochial Board, when in 1895 it handed over its duties to the Parish Council, made a special minute in appreciation of Dr. MacWatt's services. Dr. MacWatt took an interest in the Volunteer movement from the beginning, and was for many years Surgeon-Major of the Berwickshire Battalion, and received the Volunteer Decoration in 1893. In 1891 he was chosen County Medical Officer of Health for Berwickshire, and two years ago was appointed a Justice of the Peace. Dr. MacWatt took a great interest in public affairs, and was also a keen sportsman and curler. He leaves two sons, one of whom (Dr. John MacWatt) is in practice at Duns, while the other is Surgeon-Captain R. C. MacWatt, now serving with the 11th Bengal Cavalry on the Indian Frontier. The funeral, which took place on October 15th, was attended by a very large number of mourners, including many of the leading residents in Duns and Berwickshire.

THE death of Mr. CLEMENT CUTHBERT WALTER, of Dover, took place on October 14th. He was born in 1845, and received his general education at Rochester and his medical education at the University of Aberdeen and at St. George's Hospital. He qualified as M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1871. Mr. Walter held the appointment of Surgeon to the Police. He married in 1874, but there was no issue of the marriage. For some years his health has been gradually failing, and the state of his heart caused some anxiety to his friends. Two years ago he retired from the militia, to which he belonged with the rank of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel. The funeral took place on October 18th at Charlton Cemetery.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

FROM returns kindly supplied by the College tutors, it appears that 131 of the freshmen entered this term at the University are medical students. The number returned last year was 140, and in 1895 151.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

GENERAL COUNCIL.—The statutory half-yearly meeting of the General Council of the University of Edinburgh was held on Friday, October 29th. In returning thanks on his re-election, Mr. Taylor Innes said he had hoped that at the conclusion of his term of office he should have been able to review the proceedings of the Universities' Commission, but this was not the case. The Commission seemed to have yet a longer term.

The time, however, was coming when there would be a change, and when the University Court would have fuller and larger responsibilities. There was no business of special medical interest.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CONVOCATION.

THE annual meeting of Convocation was held last week. The number of members has already reached 350. In their last annual report the Committee of Convocation dealt with the question of the standard of preliminary education required of candidates for degrees in the Faculty of Medicine. Since then the Council have presented to the Court the following report: "The Council is of opinion that it would be injudicious in the general interests of the University to make alterations in the existing standard of the preliminary examination. They are not aware of any change that has occurred since the full discussion (1890-2) and determination of the existing standards and subjects of the entrance examination in arts, and of the acceptance of other examinations in lieu thereof, such as would suggest any immediate reconsideration of the policy then adopted."

One other important resolution was adopted, namely, "That, in the opinion of Convocation, it is desirable that there should be only one standard qualifying for entrance to the different faculties of the University." At present there is a separate "entrance in arts" for medical students distinct from that of the "preliminary examination," which admits to the Arts, Science, and Law Faculties of the University.

Professor D. J. Leech, M.D., was elected a representative of Convocation in the University Court, and at the same time a lady was elected as a representative of Convocation in the Court of Governors of the University. It is said to be the first instance in England of a post of this kind being held by a woman.

ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

SECOND EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.—The following candidates have satisfied the Examiners:

Honours—Second Class.—J. E. MacIlwaine, Queen's College, Belfast.

Upper Pass.—J. G. Anderson, Queen's College, Galway; P. T. Cawley, Queen's College, Galway; G. Graham, Queen's College, Galway; B. J. Hackett, Catholic University School of Medicine; R. Lee, Queen's College, Cork; J. A. D. Radcliffe, Queen's College, Belfast; J. C. Rankin, Queen's College, Belfast; J. H. Reardon, B.A., Queen's College, Belfast; H. B. Steen, Queen's College, Belfast; J. Stewart, Queen's College, Belfast.

THIRD EXAMINATION IN MEDICINE.—The following candidates have satisfied the Examiners:

Upper Pass.—F. J. Allen, Queen's College, Cork; J. E. Clements, Queen's College, Belfast; Annie H. Crawford, Queen's College, Belfast; *W. M. Hunter, Queen's College, Belfast; W. Lapsley, Queen's College, Cork; J. W. West, Queen's College, Belfast.

* Those marked with an asterisk may present themselves for the Further Examination for Honours.

Pass Division.—J. F. Begley, Catholic University School of Medicine;

E. V. Cantillon, Queen's College, Cork, and Catholic University School of Medicine; A. W. Crawford, Queen's College, Belfast; Frances A. Dreaper, Catholic University School of Medicine; P. Gavin, Catholic University School of Medicine; G. H. Grills, Queen's College, Belfast; B. Hanlon, Queen's College, Cork; T. F. Heas, Queen's College, Cork; W. E. J. Jones, Queen's College, Belfast; D. Kernohan, Queen's College, Cork; A. E. Knight, Queen's College, Belfast; Kathleen F. Lynn, Queen's College, Belfast, and Catholic University School of Medicine; M. J. McDonough, Catholic University School of Medicine; M. R. Morrissey, Catholic University School of Medicine; B. A. O'Flynn, Catholic University School of Medicine; E. O'Shaughnessy, Queen's College, Cork; W. Rice, Queen's College, Cork; W. A. Rice, B.A., Queen's College, Belfast; F. Ryan, Catholic University School of Medicine; S. Waddell, Queen's College, Galway, and College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; R. Whyte, Queen's College, Belfast.

M.B., B.C.H., B.A.O. EXAMINATION.—The following Candidates have satisfied the Examiners:

Honours—Second Class.—E. C. T. Smith, Mason College, Birmingham.

Upper Pass.—N. J. Blaney, Catholic University School of Medicine; M. Henry, Queen's Colleges, Galway and Belfast, and Edinburgh School of Medicine; G. A. Hicks, Queen's College, Belfast; C. E. M'Dade, B.A., Queen's College, Belfast; C. J. Moore, Catholic University School of Medicine; P. M. O'Meara, B.A., Catholic University School of Medicine; R. W. G. Stewart, Queen's College, Belfast.

Pass.—J. J. Ahern, Queen's College, Cork; M. Burke, Queen's College, Cork; W. Canning, Queen's College, Belfast; J. H. C. Daly, Queen's College, Galway, and Catholic University School of Medicine; D. Fleck, Queen's College, Belfast; B. P. Healey, Catholic University School of Medicine; W. G. Jordan, Catholic University School of Medicine; J. McCarthy, Queen's College, Cork, and Catholic University School of Medicine; F. J. M'Glade, Catholic University School of Medicine; R. R. M'Lean, Queen's College, Belfast; A. Montgomery, Queen's College, Belfast; H. J. Monypeny, Queen's College, Belfast; M. T. Moran, Queen's College, Belfast; T. P. O'Carroll, Catholic University School of Medicine; M. J. O'Kane, Catholic University School of Medicine; E. F. O'Sullivan, Catholic University School of Medicine; R. S. Ryce, B.A., Queen's College, Cork; T. H. Scott, Queen's College, Belfast; J. Shinkwin, Queen's College, Cork; J. R. Sinton, Catholic University School of Medicine; G. K. Smiley, Queen's College, Belfast; C. Turner, Queen's College, Cork.

M.D. DEGREE EXAMINATION.—The following candidates have satisfied the Examiners: J. B. Coleman, M.B.; J. W. D. Donnan, M.B., Queen's College, Belfast; D. Sommerville, B.A., King's College, London, and private study.

† Gold medal.

In the First Examination in Medicine, Patrick Doherty has been awarded First Class Honours in Botany and Zoology, Second Class

Honours in Experimental Physics, and an Exhibition of £20; and M. J. Macauley has gained First Class Honours in Botany and an Exhibition of £10. In the Second Examination, J. E. MacIlwaine has been awarded an Exhibition of £15; in the Third Examination, W. M. Hunter and J. W. West each obtain an Exhibition of £20, and in the Examination for M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., E. C. T. Smith is awarded an Exhibition of £25.

CONJOINT BOARD IN IRELAND.

FINAL EXAMINATION.—Candidates have passed this Examination as undernoted:

Completed the Examination.—P. B. Burke, C. W. Caldwell, J. Campbell, D. F. Clarke, G. A. Kearny, S. G. Longwood, H. R. S. Montgomery, F. J. O'Farrell, B. R. Phillipson, R. H. D. Pope, D. C. S. Poterton, J. J. W. Prescott, W. Taylor.

In Medicine.—P. Coffey, D. Massey.

In Surgery.—P. Coffey, W. H. Odlam, D. Massey, D. J. O'Meara.

In Midwifery.—D. B. Bradlaw, R. V. Brews, B. A. Craig, R. L. Davies, W. E. Jolliffe, D. Massey, W. H. Odlam, E. M. J. O'Farrell, D. J. O'Meara, C. N. O'Sullivan, J. P. T. D. Quinn.

In Ophthalmology.—J. C. Baskin, P. Coffey, R. L. Davies, D. J. O'Meara.

In Forensic Medicine, etc.—P. Coffey, W. M. Jones, C. N. O'Sullivan.

Successful candidates will be admitted to the Licence in Medicine on Friday, and to the Licence in Surgery on Thursday.

The name of T. O. C. Donegan was omitted from the list of the Third Professional Examination.

CONJOINT BOARD IN SCOTLAND.

THE quarterly examinations for the Triple Qualifications in Edinburgh were concluded on November 1st, with the following results:

First Examination: Four Years' Course.—Of 8 candidates entered the following 3 passed: B. B. Head, J. C. Franklin, and Ada White, and 3 passed in Chemistry only.

First Examination: Five Years' Course.—Of 38 candidates the following 13 passed: C. W. Sharp, T. L. Ashforth, P. J. Thomson, J. J. McNicholl, T. S. Logan (with distinction), J. P. Cameron, W. C. Renshaw, R. L. Morrison, Magdalene McD. Lockhart, J. G. Heathcote, F. W. McCay, J. R. Smith, and W. G. Johnston; and, in addition thereto, 7 candidates passed in Physics, 6 in Biology, and 6 in Chemistry.

Second Examination: Four Years' Course.—Of 39 candidates the following 16 passed: A. Mudie, M. F. Ellis, L. Bradstock, J. A. Van Gelderen, D. O. Mittra, Ada White, J. T. Park, A. H. Macpherson, N. McGowan, W. Mackirdy, E. Q. Ambrose, W. S. Fraser, J. Scott, E. Bennett, T. Moore, J. T. Jones; and 3 passed in Anatomy, 5 in Physiology, and 6 in Materia Medica.

Second Examination: Five Years' Course.—Of 29 candidates the following 15 passed: L. E. Stayres, Agnes McL. Black, W. T. Finlayson (with distinction), W. Lock, P. Heffernan, H. E. C. K. Murray, F. W. Newcombe, Edith Anna Wynne-Ward, R. J. Mackay, T. Henderson, C. Jones, C. R. Sutherland, T. R. Hunter, W. A. Pitt, and A. S. Sieger, and 2 passed in Elementary Anatomy only.

Third Examination: Five Years' Course.—Of 18 candidates the following 9 passed: Isabella Anne Watson, D. S. Russell, J. E. Ratcliffe, W. Dennis, W. J. Aiken, H. Fowler, E. Ryan, A. M. Staunton, and F. C. Ackland, and 3 passed in Anatomy and 1 in Materia Medica.

Final Examination.—Of 105 candidates the following 47 passed and were admitted L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., and L.F.P. & S.G.: R. C. Reid, M. M. Townsend, Frances Emma Turle Evans, M. P. Rodgers, A. H. Gibbon, Ellen Maude Wood, V. Bateson, P. H. du Plessis, E. A. Kirkwood, D. Wilson, E. J. Wynstone-Waters (with honours), H. T. Wright, F. Foenander, P. J. O'Sullivan, W. Gordon, R. K. Bayley, K. H. White, D. R. Dhabhar, M. Sheehy, P. M. Matthai, E. M. J. D'Sylva, R. L. Patterson, C. E. Covernton, H. Roberts-Williams, H. H. Lawrence, A. F. Jones, Anna Maria McFee, J. St. J. Murphy, F. G. Bannister, J. S. Gubbins, M. F. de Albuquerque, R. Ramsay, W. G. Mitchell, W. Watson, Johanna Fleck Gilchrist, A. T. Griffiths, A. Dougall, W. McHarry, C. A. Mateer, W. Mackirdy, F. B. Hargreaves, A. L. Mather, Edith Jennie Macgowan, J. J. Quigley, E. Davies, J. D. Graham, and H. J. F. Bourne; and in addition 7 candidates passed in Medicine, 3 in Surgery, 10 in Midwifery, and 11 in Medical Jurisprudence.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.

THE following gentlemen, having passed the requisite examination, were on October 20th duly elected Fellows of the College:

J. H. Balfe, M.D.; F. W. Jolly, M.R.C.S.Eng.; H. C. Donald, M.B., C.M.; H. A. Smit, L.R.C.S.E.; N. Raw, M.D.; A. MacC. Morrogh, M.B., C.M.; F. W. R. Mackay, M.D.; G. F. Aldous, M.R.C.S.Eng.; and J. V. Paterson, M.B., C.M.

Dr. W. Stewart, F.R.P. & S.G. was admitted a Fellow without examination; and J. F. Menzies, M.B. and C.M., was admitted a Licentiate.

FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.

THE annual meeting of the Faculty, held on Monday last, was very largely attended, part of the business being the election of two representatives to the Board of Managers of the Western Infirmary. Dr. J. B. Russell and Dr. Thomas Lapraik, who have represented the Faculty for many years, had been renominated at the last monthly meeting, but since the disagreement between the Western Infirmary managers and Professor Macewen became public, nominations of Dr. Wood Smith and Dr. Arch. Sloan had been handed in. A motion for adjournment of this election to a special meeting to give time for consideration and possible explanation by the retiring representatives was ruled out of order, and the voting was proceeded with. The result was the re-election of Dr. Russell and the substitution of Dr. Sloan for Dr. Lapraik. At the same meeting Dr. Hector Clare Cameron was elected President, and Dr. A. L. Kelly, Visitor.

NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF EXCHANGE.

The charge for inserting notices respecting Exchanges in the Army Medical Department is 8s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps or post office order with the notice, not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

A SURGEON-MAJOR, who expects to go to India about the end of January, desires an exchange that would give him from six to twelve months more at home. Address, Oxalis, care of Messrs. Holt and Co., 17, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.

A SURGEON-MAJOR, who arrived home early 1897, wishes to exchange to India, for full or part tour, during current trooping season. Address, Aubert, care of Holt and Co., 17, Whitehall Place, S.W.

SURGEON-MAJOR, under orders to embark for Bombay Command about middle of December, wishes to exchange so as to have one more year at home. Address, "Bombay," care of Sir C. McGrigor Bart and Co., 25, Charles Street, London, S.W.

THE NAVY.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: HERBERT W. G. DOYNE, Staff Surgeon, to the *Hawke*, October 27th; OCTAVIUS S. FISHER, Staff Surgeon, to the *Rodney*, November 4th; CORNELIUS BRADLEY, Surgeon, to the *Jackal*, November 4th; CHARLES S. BENNETTS, Surgeon, to the *Lion*, November 5th; EDWARD COOPER, Surgeon, to the *Jaspre*, October 27th; CHARLES R. SHEWARD, Surgeon, to the *Excellent*, October 27th; EUSTACE ARKWRIGHT, Surgeon, to the *Alexandra*, October 27th; WALTER K. HOPKINS, Surgeon, to the *Pembroke*, October 27th; HENRY L. CROCKER, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Britannia*, November 18th; MYLES O'C. MCSWINEY, Staff Surgeon, to the *Boscawen*, November 9th; EDWARD J. BIDEN, Staff Surgeon, to the *Minotaur*, October 28th; EDWARD C. WARD, M.D., Staff Surgeon, to the *Sirius*, undated; JAMES PORTER, M.A., M.B., Staff Surgeon, and EDWARD P. MOURILYAN, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Doris*, November 18th; EDWARD H. MEADE, Surgeon, to the *Sirius*, November 9th, and to the *Fearless*, undated; HERBERT H. GILL, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Sirius*, November 9th, and to the *Hebe*, undated; GEORGE R. MACMAHON, B.A., M.B., Surgeon, to the *Sirius*, undated; PHILIP N. RANDALL, M.B., Surgeon, to Ascension Hospital, November 11th; GEORGE WILSON, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional, October 26th; SYDNEY H. YOUNL, Surgeon, to the *Penguin*, undated; MORRIS C. LONGFORD, Surgeon, to the *Orlando*, undated.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

SURGEON-COLONEL CHARLES A. ATKINS retires on retired pay, November 3rd. His commissions were dated: Assistant-Surgeon, September 30th, 1863; Surgeon, March 1st, 1872; Surgeon-Major, April 28th, 1876; Brigade-Surgeon, September 12th, 1888; and Surgeon-Colonel, August 1st, 1893. He accompanied Sir Garnet Wolseley to the Gold Coast in September, 1873; served at the attack and destruction of Essaman and Ampinice, and in medical charge of Russell's regiment throughout the Ashanti war of 1873-74, including the repulse of the Ashanti army at Abrakrampa during November 5th and 6th, capture and destruction of Adublassie, battle of Amoofa, capture and destruction of Quequah, advanced guard engagement of Jarbinbah, skirmishes and ambuscade affairs between Adwabin and the river Ordah, battle of Ordahsu and capture of Kumasi (mentioned in despatches, medal with clasp). He was also in the Afghan war in 1879-80, and was present at the night attack at Zaidabad, in the engagement at Charasiah on October 6th, 1879, and in the operations around Cabul in December, 1879, including the defence of Sherpore (mentioned in despatches); accompanied Sir Frederick Roberts in the march to Candahar, and was present at the battle of Candahar (mentioned in despatches, medal with three clasps, and bronze decoration).

Surgeon-General RICHARD GILBORN, J.P., late of the 8th Princess Victoria's Regiment, and of the 6th Dragoon Guards (the Carabiniers), died at Fairlawn, Folkestone, on October 28th, at the age of 73. He was appointed Assistant-Surgeon, October 2nd, 1846; Surgeon, December 8th, 1854; Surgeon-Major, October 2nd, 1866; Deputy-Surgeon-General, April 28th, 1876; and Surgeon-General, October 23rd, 1881. He accepted retired pay, November 20th, 1884. He served with the 8th Hussars in Bulgaria from June 5th, 1854; with the 89th Regiment in the Crimea, from December 14th, 1854, including the siege and fall of Sebastopol, and the assaults on June 18th and September 8th (medal with clasp, and Turkish medal); and during the suppression of the mutiny in India in 1857-9, and in pursuit of the rebels under Tantia Topee in Rajpootana and Central India (medal).

Brigade-Surgeon JAMES SHAND DUNCAN, M.D., late of the 8th Regiment, died at Westminster Hospital on October 22nd, aged 61. He was appointed Assistant-Surgeon, December 14th, 1853; Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major, April 1st, 1874; and Honorary Brigade-Surgeon on his retirement, May 20th, 1885.

Surgeon-Captains H. A. BRAY, T. P. JONES, C. M. FLEUREY, and W. TIBBITS, and Surgeon-Lieutenant H. A. L. HOWELL, have been ordered to proceed immediately to Rawal Pindi, for duty with the British General Hospital.

Surgeon-Major EDWARD JOHN BURTON, M.D., died at 16, Salisbury Road, Hove, Brighton, on October 31st. He entered the service as Assistant Surgeon, May 1st, 1853; and became Surgeon, March 30th, 1854, and Surgeon-Major, February 16th, 1855; retiring on half pay, December 20th, 1864. He was present at the defence of M'Carthy's Island from an attack of a force of natives, and assisted to work the guns in action (mentioned in despatches). During the rebellion in Ceylon in 1858 he had medical charge of a wing of the 25th Regiment; he also served in the Crimea from April 18th, 1855, including the siege and fall of Sebastopol and the assaults of June 18th and September 8th (medal with clasp and Turkish medal).

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON-CAPOINS H. R. WOOLBERT, M.B.; G. H. BAKER, T. GRAINGER, M.D.; J. R. ADIE, M.B.; A. C. YOUNAN, M.B.; A. W. ALCOCK, M.B.; and

MEDICO-LEGAL.

HONOURABLY ACQUITTED.

THE acquittal of Dr. Hall Hains, who, with a woman named Espelby, was indicted last week at the Old Bailey for conspiring to use an instrument with intent to procure a miscarriage, was the only verdict which a right-minded jury could find. The evidence upon which the magistrate committed the defendants, and upon which the grand jury returned a true Bill, as soon as it was exposed to the search light of Sir Edward Clarke's cross-examination, was shown to be not worthy of credence, and there being no corroboration was rejected both by judge and jury. Sir Edward Clarke, after the verdict of "Not guilty" was given, stated to the Court that Dr. Hains occupied in the district in which he practised a position of the highest honour and regard. If there had been left in the minds of the jury the slightest doubt in the matter, he would have called representatives of all the religious bodies in the neighbourhood in which Dr. Hains practised to prove the highly honourable character which he had always borne, and the affection which the poor in the neighbourhood entertained for him. Not only were these representatives in Court ready and willing to speak for Dr. Hains, but his own profession was well represented, and Mr. Turner was present watching the case as counsel for the Medical Defence Union in his (Dr. Hains's) interest.

We congratulate Dr. Hains upon his honourable acquittal, and sympathise with him upon the terrible ordeal through which he has passed. Sir Edward Clarke rightly made a strong protest upon the manner in which the police had acted in this case. Dr. Hains was arrested in his own house, where patients were waiting to see him. He was not permitted to make arrangements for the conduct of his practice that day, and was locked up the night in the cells, although bail to any amount could have been easily procured. All these indignities were brought upon Dr. Hains by means of the sworn information of two witnesses for the prosecution, and these witnesses had only to appear at the Central Criminal Court to be shown to be unworthy of belief. The judge said that he could not attach reliance to the evidence. We confess we cannot see the advantage of a preliminary investigation by a police magistrate if members of the profession are to be committed for trial upon evidence of such a character that it breaks to pieces as soon as it is tested in a higher court. It would avoid delay and expense if cases similar to the one in question were to be committed at once on the warrant, as it is quite clear that the inquiry before the magistrate is only an additional trouble and expense if the worthless character of such evidence as detailed above cannot be exposed in a police-court. The cost to Dr. Hains for his defence must have been great, and unfortunately it appears he was not a member of the Medical Defence Union, although, as we have stated above, that Society was represented in court, and watched the proceedings both there and in the inquiry before the magistrate, considering the case to be one of great importance to the medical profession.

UNQUALIFIED MIDWIVES.

A CASE, illustrative of the necessity of some form of legislative control over women who undertake the duties and responsibilities of midwives without possessing suitable skill and knowledge, was heard at the Hammersmith Coroner's Court last week. From the evidence as reported in the *West London Advertiser*, it appeared that the deceased infant was born prematurely, but only survived its birth one day. No medical advice was sought until after the death had taken place. The midwife, who was cautioned by the coroner, stated that she had no special knowledge beyond the fact that she herself was a married woman. The child she did not expect to live long, as it was very small at birth, but the rapid decease was unexpected, or she would have employed a doctor. The medical evidence was to the effect that if a medical man had been called in the child's life might possibly have been saved. The coroner (Mr. Luxmore Drew) mentioned that the same midwife had been censured by a jury last year for not calling in a doctor. If the doctor could have said that the death of the child was accelerated by the neglect on the part of the midwife, a charge of manslaughter would undoubtedly have been preferred against her. It was a great pity that midwives should be allowed to practise without proper training. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes," and added a strong expression of opinion that any practice by untrained or unqualified midwives should be prohibited by law.

RECOVERY OF CHARGES.

M.D.—In reply to our correspondent's question we gather that B. requested our correspondent to attend the son of A. at his (B's) expense, and, this being so, the account should be sent in to B., who could be sued in default of payment. We assume that B.'s promise (if verbal) was not in the nature of a guarantee—for example, "If A. does not pay you I will," as if so this might be void, not being in writing. It would be well for our correspondent to lay all the facts before his solicitor before actually taking legal proceedings.

MEDICAL WITNESSES' FEES IN CRIMINAL CASES.

MEMBER B. M.A. writes that he was summoned by the police to give evidence in a Court of Quarter Sessions, and gave such evidence in two perfectly distinct cases, but that the Clerk of the Peace only paid him £1. 1s. fee for his evidence in the first case, and refused to pay him anything for his evidence in the second case, because he gave evidence in both cases on the same day and at the same court. Our correspondent desires to know whether he is not entitled to a separate fee of one guinea for each case.

** The fees payable to witnesses in criminal cases are fixed by the scale (which is still in force) issued by the Home Secretary in 1858, and slightly varied in 1863. It is prescribed by this scale that the fees payable to the members of the professions of law or medicine for attending to give evidence at courts of assize or general sessions of the peace shall not exceed one guinea for each day they shall necessarily attend

the court; and, this being so, we doubt if our correspondent would be entitled to more than one guinea, although he gave evidence in two distinct cases, assuming, of course, that he only attended the court for one day. The inadequacy of the fees allowed to medical witnesses in criminal cases has often been commented on in the columns of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*.

UNQUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTICE.

WELSHMAN.—Referring to our correspondent's communication as to the alleged unqualified medical practice of a chemist, we would recommend him to submit a statement of the facts to the Clerk to the Society of Apothecaries, Blackfriars, London. The Society of Apothecaries are empowered, under their Act, to take legal proceedings in cases of unqualified medical practice, and we have no doubt that in the case to which reference is made, such proceedings would be taken if evidence sufficient to support an action should be forthcoming.

MEDICAL NEWS.

AT a meeting of the Toronto City Council, held on November 1st, it was resolved to petition Her Majesty to permit her Jubilee gifts to be exhibited in Toronto and other cities in Canada at small charges for admission, the net proceeds, after defraying expenses, to be equally divided between the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund and the funds of the hospitals of the city in which the presents are exhibited.

THE November dinner of the Aberdeen University Club of London will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on November 17th at 7 P.M. The chair will be taken by Dr. Robert Burnet. Members wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretaries, Mr. J. G. Laing, 2, Brick Court, Temple, E.C., and Dr. James Galloway, 54, Harley Street, W.

MUCH sympathy will be felt with Sir George Duffey, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, who has just received news regarding the death of his elder son, Lieutenant George Duffey, at Jamaica. The intelligence reached Dublin only last week, although the death occurred on October 13th. The deceased young officer had given excellent promise as a soldier, and he was adjutant of his regiment when he succumbed to an attack of yellow fever.

LORD CALTHORPE opened on October 28th the Fleet Cottage Hospital, the foundation stone of which was laid by Lady Calthorpe on December 31st last. The accommodation of the hospital is entirely provided on one floor. It consists of two wards, one for males and the other for females, an operating room, apartments for the nurses, and the usual offices. The male wards, which will accommodate three patients, contains a Gorham bed presented by Dr. Lauder Brunton, who has been appointed consulting physician to the institution.

WE are requested to state that a course of demonstrations in invalid and convalescent cookery will be given during the winter months at the offices of the Royal British Nurses Association, 17, Old Cavendish Street, W. The demonstrations will be given on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30, commencing on November 9th, and will be of two hours' duration. Although arranged especially for the benefit of nurses, the course is open to the public. A syllabus and further details can be obtained from the offices of the Association, 17, Old Cavendish Street, London, W.

IRISH MEDICAL SCHOOLS' AND GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.—Field-Marshal Lord Roberts was the chief guest at the autumn dinner of the Irish Medical Schools' and Graduates' Association, held in London on November 2nd. "The Health of Lord Roberts" was given by Sir William Mac Cormac, Bart., in a graceful speech, in which he referred to many of the most striking episodes of Lord Roberts's Indian career. Lord Roberts, in reply, expressed the pleasure which he experienced in meeting so many fellow-countrymen and country-women who belonged to or were intimately associated with a profession to which every soldier was deeply indebted. The toast of "The Services" was given by Sir Walter Foster, M.P., and acknowledged by Admiral Kinahan and Sir George Robertson, M.D., K.C.S.I. The toast of "The Association" was given by Dr. A. E. Sansom, and acknowledged by the President, Professor Alexander Macalister, of Cambridge,

who made a sympathetic allusion to Dr. Samuel Haughton, of Dublin, by whose death the Association had lost a warm friend. The toast of "The Guests" was given by Dr. Abraham, Chairman of Council, and acknowledged by Sir Charles Cameron, Bart., M.P., and the Rev. O. Inskip.

THE NURSES' HOSTEL.—The Nurses' Hostel, Francis Street, which was opened to inspection on November 1st, marks a new departure among the many institutions for the benefit of nurses. The hostel began a modest career in 1889 in a small house in Percy Street. It was of the nature of an experiment; it had yet to be proved whether a hostel for nurses would meet a want. Miss Catherine Wood, the founder, herself a nurse, and with a wide experience of a nurse's life, was convinced that such a house was much needed. The idea was that the hostel should serve the double purpose of providing a home for the working nurse between her engagements, and a hotel for nurses visiting London for business or pleasure. The hostel outgrew the houses in Percy Street, and the new building is designed to accommodate over 50 nurses; on the ground floor are the waiting-room, sitting-room, offices, and a small set of cubicles; in the basement is a large dining hall, spacious box-room, a stand for bicycles, and the furnace for heating the water; the kitchen is at the top, connected with the dining-hall by a service lift. The rooms are light and airy, qualities which in a London house are often conspicuous by their absence. The sanitary arrangements have been planned in accordance with modern requirements. An interesting feature in the hostel is that it has been formed into a limited liability company, and that a large proportion of the capital has been subscribed by the nurses themselves; it is mainly a woman's company, promoted and financed by women, aided by the advice of business men. Miss Wood is the managing director. The directors invite anyone who is interested in the matter to inspect the building within reasonable hours.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced :

BALLYSHANNON, COUNTY DONEGAL.—Medical Officer for the Shell Hospital; doubly qualified. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications to B. Kelly, Honorary Secretary, Shell Hospital Committee, Ballyshannon, co. Donegal, by November 10th.

BRECON INFIRMARY.—Resident House-Surgeon; unmarried; doubly qualified. Salary, £70 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, attendance, fire, and gas. Applications to W. Powell Price, Secretary, No. 6, Bulwark, Brecon, South Wales, by November 18th.

BRIDGE OF WEIR: CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL AND ORPHAN HOMES OF SCOTLAND.—Resident Medical Officer; knowledge of Bacteriology. Salary, £80 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, etc. Applications to the Honorary Secretary, D. Hill Jack, 104, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, by November 15th.

CALCUTTA, CORPORATION OF. Bengal, India.—Health Officer for the Town of Calcutta. Salary not less than Rs. 1,200, and not more than Rs. 1,500, a month. Also reasonable horse allowance for outdoor inspection, not exceeding Rs. 100 a month. Must be a duly qualified practitioner, and hold diploma in Public Health from the University of Cambridge or similar qualifications. Applications to W. R. Macdonald, Secretary to the Corporation, to be received in Calcutta by November 10th.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ETC., LUNATIC ASYLUM. Fulbourn, near Cambridge. Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £14 per annum, with board, lodging, and attendance in the asylum. Applications to T. Musgrave Francis, Clerk to the Visitors, by November 20th.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer; doubly qualified. Appointment for six months. No salary, but board, washing and apartments provided. Applications to George T. Coleman, Secretary, by November 9th.

CATERHAM ASYLUM. Caterham, Surrey.—Assistant Medical Officer; age not to exceed 35 years. Salary, £120 per annum, rising at the discretion of the Committee to £150, with board, lodging, attendance and washing. Applications to be made on forms to be obtained at the Chief Office of the Board, Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C., where they must be delivered by November 20th.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. Fulham Road, S.W.—Registrar; must be a graduate in Medicine of a recognised University, or F. or M.R.C.P. of London, Edinburgh, or Ireland. Applications to H. H. Jennings, Secretary, by November 27th.

DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON AND LONDON SCHOOL OF DENTAL SURGERY. Leicester Square.—Demonstrator. Honorarium, £50 per annum. Applications to Morton Smale, Dean, by November 22nd.

DUNDEE COMBINATION POORHOUSES.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and furnished apartments. Applications to James Kyd, Clerk to the Council, Parish Council Chambers, Dundee, by November 11th.

GLASGOW: UNIVERSITY OF.—Additional Examiner in Anatomy. Appointment from December 3rd next to December 31st, 1898, at a fee of £50. Applications to Alan E. Clapperton, Secretary of the Glas-

gow University Court, 91, West Regent Street, Glasgow, by November 13th.

GREENWICH UNION INFIRMARY.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, and attendance in the Infirmary, and £3 per annum in lieu of beer. Must be unmarried. Appointment to terminate on December 25th, 1898. Applications to Samuel Saw, Clerk to the Guardians, Union Offices, Greenwich, by November 11th.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN. Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury.—House-Surgeon to Out-patients (non-resident). Appointment for six months but eligible for re-election. Salary, 25 guineas. Applications must be on forms to be obtained from the Secretary, to whom they must be sent by November 23rd.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. Soho Square, W.—House-Physician, doubly qualified. Appointment for six months. Salary, £30 for that period. Also Non-resident Clinical Assistant, with registered qualification. Applications to David Cannon, Secretary, before November 17th.

INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST AND THROAT. 26, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, W.—Physician in Ordinary. Applications to the Secretary.

KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON.—Assistant Demonstrator in the State Medicine Laboratories; must hold diploma in Public Health. Applications to the Secretary.

LIMERICK: COUNTY INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon, doubly qualified. Salary, £100 per annum, with quarter's coal, light, and attendance. Applications to the Secretary by November 15th.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.—Assistant Medical Officers at the Park Fever Hospital, Hither Green, Lewisham, S.E.; unmarried, doubly qualified, and age not to exceed 35 years. Salary, £160 during the first year, £180 during the second, and £200 during the third and subsequent years of service. Applications to be made on forms to be obtained at the Chief Office of the Board, Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C., where they must be delivered by November 11th.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, W.—Surgical Registrar. Must be M. or F.R.C.S. Eng. Applications to F. Clare Melhado, Secretary-Superintendent, by November 18th.

NEW SOUTH WALES, LINNEAN SOCIETY OF. Sydney.—Macleay Bacteriologist. Salary, £400 per annum. Full particulars to be obtained of Messrs. Dulau and Co., 37, Soho Square, London, W. Applications to the Council of the Society by mail not later than November 12th.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY AND EYE HOSPITAL. Harts Hill, Stoke-upon-Trent.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Board, apartments, and washing provided. Applications to the Secretary.

RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY. Oxford.—Honorary Physician. Applications to the Secretary by December 11th.

ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH, PARISH OF.—Second Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary, Hoxton Street, N.; doubly qualified. Appointment for six months; salary at the rate of £60 per annum, with rations, washing, and furnished apartments in the infirmary. Applications, on forms to be obtained at the Clerk's Office, to be sent to Robert Clay, Clerk to the Guardians, Clerk's Office, 213, Kingsland Road, N.E., by November 15th.

ST. PANCRAS AND NORTHERN DISPENSARY. 126, Euston Road.—Resident Medical Officer, doubly qualified. Salary, £105, with residence and attendance. Applications to H. P. Bodkin, 23, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C., before November 8th.

SALFORD, COUNTY BOROUGH OF.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum. Applications, endorsed "Medical Officer of Health," addressed to the Chairman of the Health Committee, to be sent to Samuel Brown, Town Clerk, Town Hall, Salford, by November 10th.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. No salary, but board and rooms provided. Honorarium of £10 given at the end of six months if found satisfactory. Applications to T. A. Fisher Hall, Secretary, by November 16th.

SOUTHPORT INFIRMARY.—Honorary Surgeon for the Treatment of Diseases of the Eye, Nose, Ear, and Throat. Applications to the Secretary, Joseph Worall, Infirmary Office, Cambridge Arcade, Southport, by November 16th.

SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL. Bury St. Edmunds.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 a year, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to Henry Bonner, Secretary, by November 16th.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. Queen's Road, Chelsea, S.W.—Physician to the In-patients. Must be F. or M.R.C.P. Lond. Assistant Physician to the Out-patients. Appointment for two years, but eligible for appointment as Physician to the Out-patients. Applications to A. C. Skinner, Secretary, by November 13th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BARKER, DR. C. appointed Medical Officer for the Haxey District of the Gainsborough Union, vice Luther Eminson, L.F.P.S.Glasg., L.M., resigned.

CHAMBERLAIN, W. W., M.B., C.M. Edin. appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Rawdon Urban District, vice J. Wightman, M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.

COLLIER, R. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. to be one of the House-Physicians to the General Infirmary, Leeds.

COOPER, C. MINOR, M.B., C.M. appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.

COUNIHAN, J. F., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.M.Irel. appointed Medical Officer to the Kilrush Workhouse.

DEAN, GEORGE, M.A., M.B., C.M. appointed Bacteriologist in the Anti-toxin Department of the British Institute of Preventive Medicine.

DORSON, J. F., M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P., to be one of the House-Surgeons to the General Infirmary, Leeds.

DOUGLAS, Kenneth M., M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Medical Officer to the General Post Office, Edinburgh, *vice* A. Halliday Douglas, M.D. Edin., resigned.

EDWARDS, Dr., appointed Medical Officer for the Markyate District of the Hemel Hempstead Union.

GOODWIN, A. G., L.F.P.S. Glasg., L.M., appointed Medical Examiner to the Royal Liver Friendly Society at Liverpool, *vice* Dr. Ireland, deceased.

GRANT, Lewis, M.B., C.M., appointed House-Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Maternity and Simpson Memorial Hospital.

GUY, J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Assistant Medical Officer of the Workhouse of the Bradford Union.

HARTLEY, J. V., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be one of the House-Surgeons to the General Infirmary, Leeds.

HUGHES, W., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed District Medical Officer of the Carnarvon Union.

MEADE, N. G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be one of the House-Physicians to the General Infirmary, Leeds.

MOORHOUSE, C. H., M.B., Ch.B., to be the Resident Obstetric Officer to the General Infirmary, Leeds.

MORETON, Reginald, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed Visiting Surgeon to the Chester General Infirmary.

PARRY, George H., M.B., C.M., appointed Special Non-Resident Clinical Clerk for the Observation Ward of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

ROBERTS, T., M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed District Medical Officer of the Carnarvon Union.

SPREAT, F. A., M.R.C.S. Eng., D.P.H., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Friern Barnet Urban District Council.

TRIPP, C. L. H., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer for the Dawlish District of the Newton Abbot Union, *vice* A. de Winter Baker, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., resigned.

VEALE, H., L.S.A., to be Resident Medical Officer at the Ida Hospital, Leeds.

WADE, Reginald, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Highbridge Urban District Council.

WATSON, D. Chalmers, M.B., C.M., appointed a Special Non-Resident Clinical Clerk for the Medical Waiting Room at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

WILLIAMS, G. E., L.S.A., appointed District Medical Officer of the Carnarvon Union.

WITHAM, H., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., appointed Medical Officer for the Kirton District of the Boston Union.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, London Throat Hospital, 204, Great Portland Street, W., 8 P.M.—Mr. C. Wilkin: Nasal Polypi.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 P.M.—Dr. A. E. Sansom (President): Two cases of Mitral Stenosis. Dr. W. S. Colman: A Child with Cretinoid Physique, without Mental Defect. Dr. W. Carr: Sporadic Cretinism cured by Thyroid Extract. Mr. C. Mansell Moullin: Two cases in which Inoperable Tumours have almost Disappeared under the administration of Coley's Fluid. Dr. F. de H. Hall: Case of Obesity. Mr. G. Templeton: Case of Multiple Subcutaneous Tumours. Mr. W. H. Battle: Congenital Syphilitic Affection of the Knee in the Adult.

TUESDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bethlem Royal Hospital for Lunatics, 2 P.M.—Dr. Craig: Alcoholic Insanity, Insanity with Syphilis, Insanity with Organic Brain Disease. Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars, 4.30 P.M.—Dr. Abraham: Scabies.

HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, Welbeck Street, W., 4.30 P.M.—Dr. Thomas D. Savill: Cases of Paraplegia.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C., 3.30 P.M.—Dr. Tooth: On Spinal Cord Lesions, with Lantern Demonstration.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 P.M.—Mr. P. J. Freyer: Obscure Cystic Tumour of the Bladder containing Two Calculi: Successful Removal by Suprapubic Cystotomy. Mr. Frederic Eve: On Mesenteric Cysts, with two cases in young children; Operation.

WEDNESDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street, W., 4.30 P.M.—Professor Wynter Blyth: Sanitary Appliances, etc.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W., 4 P.M.—Dr. Percy Kidd: Pleurisy.

THE CLINICAL MUSEUM, 21, Great Portland Street, 4 P.M.—Demonstration by Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson.

EVELINA HOSPITAL, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E., 4.30 P.M.—Dr. Frederick Willcocks: Clinical Cases from the Wards. Post-Graduate Course.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, London Institution, Finsbury Circus, 8.30 P.M.—Dr. Herman: Pruritus Vulvae. Dr. F. J. Smith: Medical Haemorrhage.

LARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 5 P.M.—Sir Felix Semon will introduce the designer of a New Tracheotomy Tube for Permanent Use. Cases and Specimens will be shown by Dr. James Donelan, Dr. J. B. Ball, Mr. W. R. H. Stewart, Mr. Morley Agar, Dr. J. W. Bond, Mr. W. G. Spencer, Dr. William Hill, Mr. Macleod Yearsley, Dr. Jobson Horne, Dr. William Hill, Dr. Scanes Spicer, Mr. E. W. Roughton, Dr. H. Tilley, Mr. Wyatt Wingrave, Dr. Pegler.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY, Town Hall, Wandsworth, 8.30 P.M.—Mr. P. J. Freyer: Stone in the Bladder: symptoms and modern methods of diagnosis; the modern instruments employed in litholapaxy—being review of 900 operations for stone by all methods.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, West London Hospital, W., 5 P.M.—Dr. A. Whitfield: Medical Cases.

THURSDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Central London Sick Asylum, 5.30 P.M.—Mr. R. Barwell: Clinical Lecture.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C., 4 P.M.—Dr. Colman: Demonstrations of Selected Cases.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 P.M.—Card Specimens. Papers at 8.30 P.M.—Mr. Charles Wray: The Probable Role of Heredity in the Development of Myopia, and the way in which it is Modified by Disease. Surgeon-Captain H. Herbert: Some Matters of Interest in Cataract Extraction.

BRITISH GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 P.M.—Specimens will be shown by Mr. F. B. Jessett and Mr. O'Callaghan. Adjourned discussion on Mr. Keith's paper on Dysmenorrhoea. Dr. J. A. Shaw Mackenzie: Haemorrhagic Endometritis.

FRIDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bacteriological Laboratory, King's College, W.C., 3 to 5 P.M.—Professor Crookshank: Actinomycosis and Glanders, etc.

CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 P.M.—Mr. A. H. Tubby and Mr. Robert Jones: Some cases of Pott's Curvature of the Spine treated by Immediate Reduction of the Deformity. The paper will be followed by a lantern demonstration of the method. Mr. A. Pearce Gould: A case of Acute Intestinal Obstruction relieved by operation; death from intestinal toxæmia on the ninth day after operation.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office order and stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning in order to insure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

THOMPSON.—On October 26th, at 6, West Street, Scarborough, the wife of Geoffrey W. Thompson, M.D. Cantab., M.R.C.S., of a son.

HILLS.—On October 26th, the wife of A. Phillips Hills, M.R.C.S. Eng., F.S.Sc., at Carlton House, Prince of Wales Road, Battersea Park, S.W., of a son (John Fletcher Twycross).

MARRIAGES.

MARTIN—CAMPBELL.—At St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on October 26th, by the Very Rev. J. Cameron Lees, D.D., LL.D., Dean of the Chapel Royal and of the Order of the Thistle, assisted by the Rev. Alexander Walker, Rescobie, grandfather of the bride, John L. Martin, M.B., C.M., Chelmsford, Essex, to Matilda, second daughter of Alex. D. Campbell, 8, Bellevue Crescent, formerly of Ederline, Angleseyshire.

GRAY—RATTRAY.—At St. Andrew's Church, Aberdeen, on October 27th, by the Rev. J. M. Danson, D.D., Henry M. W. Gray, M.B., C.M., Aberdeen, to Katharine Anne, daughter of the late Robert Gordon Rattray, M.D.

NASMYTH—RAMSAY.—In the Parish Church, Cupar, on October 27th, by the Rev. J. R. Scouler assisted by the Rev. R. Frizzelle. William Ramsay Nasmyth, M.B., C.M., Crossgates, Fife, to Margaret Milne, eldest surviving daughter of William Ramsay, of Hope Park. At home from December 9th to 22nd. No cards.

BROOK—FRANCE.—On October 28th, at Chorlton Road Congregational Church, by the Rev. Albert Goodrich, D.D., Sydney Wilkinson Brook, M.B. Lond., eldest son of Joss Brook, Sunnyside, Old Trafford, to Edith Rennie, eldest daughter of James France, Ingleside, Old Trafford. At home, Ingleside, Willows Lane, Accrington, December 16th, 17th, and 18th.

DEATHS.

STOCKWELL.—At 7, Queen's Parade, Bath, on November 2nd, Thomas Goldsborough Stockwell, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., aged 74.

DOMMETT.—October 26th, at Tipton Hall, Tipton St. John, Devon, Emanuel Dommett, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., 1837, aged 88.

BOOTH.—At 8, Westfield Terrace, Aberdeen, on October 31st, Jas. Booth, M.D., M.R.C.S., in his 70th year. Friends will please accept this intimation.

NORTH.—On October 31st, of cholera, at Bellary, Madras Presidency, Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. North, Indian Medical Service. (By telegram.)

DUFFEY.—October 13th, 1897, at Jamaica, of yellow fever, aged 25 years, George Allan, Lieutenant 1st Battalion the West India Regiment, elder son of Sir George Duffey, M.D., President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 30, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AND OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CANCER, Brompton (Free). *Attendances*.—Daily, 2. *Operations*.—Tu. F. S., 2.
CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1. *Operations*.—Daily.
CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR.—*Attendances*.—M. W. Th. S., 2; Tu. F., 5. *Operations*.—Daily.
CHARING CROSS.—*Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 1.45; Dental, M. W. F., 9; Throat and Ear, F., 9.30. *Operations*.—W. Th. F. S., 3.
CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1.30. *Operations*.—M. Th. F., 2.
CITY OSTEOPATHIC. *Attendances*.—M. Tu. Th. F., 2. *Operations*.—M., 4.
EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. *Operations*.—F., 2.
GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. W. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Throat and Ear, Tu. F. 2.30; Skin, W., 2.30; Dental, W., 2. *Operations*.—M. W. Th. F.
GUY'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. 1; Skin, Tu. 1; Dental, daily, 9; Throat, F., 1. *Operations*.—(Ophthalmic) M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 1.30.
HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho. *Attendances*.—Daily, 10. *Operations*.—M. Th., 2.
KING'S COLLEGE. *Attendances*.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, daily, 1.30; o.p. Tu. W. F. S., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Ophthalmic Department W., 2; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, F., 1.30; Dental, Tu. Th., 9.30. *Operations*.—M. F. S. W.
LONDON. *Attendances*.—Medical, daily, ex. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9. *Operations*.—M. Tu. W. Th. S., 2.
LONDON TEMPERANCE. *Attendances*.—Medical, M. Tu. F., 2; Surgical, M. Th., 2. *Operations*.—M. Th., 4.30.
METROPOLITAN. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 9; Obstetric, W., 2. *Operations*.—F., 9.
MIDDLESEX. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; Eye, M. F., 9; W., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F., 9; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, Tu., 4; Th., 9.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30. *Operations*.—W., 1.30; S., 2; (Obstetric), Th., 2.
NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC. *Attendances*.—M. Tu. Th. F., 2. *Operations*.—W., 10.
NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. *Attendances*.—Daily, 2; Ophthalmic, W. S., 9.30. *Operations*.—Tu. F., 9.
NORTH-WEST LONDON. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 9; Skin, F., 2; Dental, F., 9. *Operations*.—Th., 2.30.
ROYAL EYE, Southwark. *Attendances*.—Daily, 2. *Operations*.—Daily.
ROYAL FREE. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Diseases of Women, Tu. S., 9; Eye, M. F., 9; Skin, Th., 9; Throat, Nose, and Ear, S., 3; Dental, Th., 9. *Operations*.—W. S., 2; (Ophthalmic), M. F., 10.30; (Diseases of Women), S., 9.
ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances*.—Daily, 9. *Operations*.—Daily, 10.
ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1. *Operations*.—Daily.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th., S., 2; o.p. W. S., 9; Eye, W. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopaedic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9. *Operations*.—M. Tu. W. S., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu. Th., 2.
ST. GEORGE'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 12; Obstetric, M. Th. 2; o.p. Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 2; Throat, F., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9. *Operations*.—M. Tu. Th. F., 1.
ST. MARK'S. *Attendances*.—Fistula and Diseases of the Rectum, males S., 3; females, W., 9.45. *Operations*.—M., 2; Tu., 2.30.
ST. MARY'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; o.p., 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; o.p. Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Orthopaedic, W., 10; Throat, Tu. F., 3; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electric-therapeutics, M. Th., 2.30; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Children's Hospital, F., 10; Children's Skin, S., 9.15. *Operations*.—M., 2.30; Tu. W. F., 2; Th., 2.30; S., 10; (Ophthalmic), F., 10.
ST. PETER'S. *Attendances*.—M. 2 and 5; Tu., 2; W., 5; Th., 2; F. (Women and Children), 2; S., 4. *Operations*.—W. F., 2.
ST. THOMAS'S. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; o.p., daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 2; o.p. Eye, Tu. F., 2; o.p. daily, ex. S., 9; Ear, F., 1.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 1.30; Electric-therapeutics, o.p. S., 2; Mental Diseases, o.p. Th., 10; Dental, Tu. F., 1.30. *Operations*.—M. W. Th. S., 2; Tu. Th., 3.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu., 2; (Gynaecological), Th., 2.
SAMARITAN FREE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1.30. *Operations*.—W., 2.30.
THROAT, Golden Square. *Attendances*.—Daily, 1.30; Tu. F., 6.30. *Operations*.—Th., 2.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetrics, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; Ear, M. Th., 9; Skin, W., 1.45; S., 9.15; Throat, M. Th., 9; Dental, W., 9.30. *Operations*.—Tu. W. Th., 2.
WEST LONDON. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Dental, Tu. F., 9.30; Eye, Tu. Th. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 10; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Diseases of Women, W. S., 2; Electric, Tu., 10; F., 4; Skin, F., 2; Throat and Nose, S., 10. *Operations*.—Tu. F., 2.30.
WESTMINSTER. *Attendances*.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1; Eye, Tu. F., 9.30; Ear, M. Th., 9.30; Skin, W., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15. *Operations*.—M. Tu. W., 2.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY. TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

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CORRESPONDENTS not answered are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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In order to avoid delay, it is particularly requested that all letters on the editorial business of the JOURNAL be addressed to the Editor at the Office of the JOURNAL, and not to his private house.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with *duplicate copies*.

Queries, answers, and communications relating to subjects to which special departments of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are directed will be found under their respective headings.

QUERIES.

PUBLIC VACCINATOR would be glad to know if vaccine lymph taken from the child of an insane mother would transmit insanity.

* * * It is in the highest degree improbable that such a result would ensue, but we know of no positive evidence either for or against such a supposition.

STAMMERING.

OWL desires to hear of a teacher who would undertake the treatment of a case of stammering in a boy.

ANSWERS.

TREATMENT OF PSORIASIS.

DR. JAS. T. NEECH (Tyldesley, near Manchester) writes, in further reply to "Cuttis" that he has found *limimentum iodi* a most useful application in obstinate cases of psoriasis.

IRREGULAR PRACTICE.

L. F.—We are informed that both of the cases to which our correspondent refers have been in the hands of the Medical Defence Union with a view to prosecution. In the first, evidence for action under the Medical and Apothecaries' Acts has been collected, and is under consideration of the legal advisers. In the second it has been found impossible as yet to obtain the name of the qualified practitioner alleged to be "covering" the establishment.

IMPERFECT VACCINATION.

B.—There is only one way in which such a matter can be dealt with, and that is by submission of the facts either to the Board of Guardians, or, preferably, to the Local Government Board, by the person who is cognisant of them. The name of the informant need not necessarily be made known by the Local Government Board; but it is not always possible for action to be taken on such information whilst withholding the name of the informant; and this is more in the case because the offence alleged is the grave one of making and signing a false declaration, knowing it to be false. There have, we believe, been occasions where the Local Government Board have, on receipt of information sufficient to justify inquiry by them, made a full investigation by one of their medical inspectors, and have advised the guardians to prosecute the offender on the information obtained by their own officer, apart from that of the original informant.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

ICHTHYOL AND GLYCERINE SUPPOSITORIES.

DR. J. LESLIE CALLAGHAN (Coventry) writes: In reply to Dr. Wilson's remarks in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of October 30th, p. 1307, I have not experienced the disadvantage he mentions in the use of gelatine as a basis. The formula I use is ichthyl 10 per cent., glycerine 63 per cent., gelatine 27 per cent. Dr. Wilson's formula I should say contains too much gelatine (45 per cent.), which may account for it not always being absorbed.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE VACCINATION.

VACCINIA writes: While agreeing with "A Public Vaccinator" in his contention that efficient vaccination, indicated by four good marks, might be made compulsory, I would point out that the instruction of the Local Government Board, "when vaccinating to make not fewer than four insertions," is not always followed, even by public vaccinators. In my district the public vaccinator habitually makes two insertions, and sometimes only one. He has, I believe, been found fault with on this score by the inspector, but defended his action in the local press by holding that two insertions by a public vaccinator were preferable to only one by a private practitioner. So it seems that even a public vaccinator need "not hesitate to make three, two, or even one insertion only," probably to ingratiate himself with the parents. Accordingly, the private vaccinator, in self-defence, cannot insist on more than one or two insertions. And if the vesicle or vesicles are of sufficient area, the protective influence is probably as great as from four small vesicles.

THE DECISION OF THE LEPROSY CONFERENCE.

DR. C. R. DRYSDALE (Consulting Physician to the Metropolitan Hospital) writes: It is with great satisfaction that I read that the members of the Leprosy Conference at Berlin have pronounced their opinion that leprosy is contagious and not hereditary. This is the view I have always held; and, with one exception, namely, that of Dr. Zambaco, of Constantinople, that was the view taken by all the speakers in the Dermatological Congress in London last year. We shall now, it is to be hoped, act in future on the theory that leprosy, like syphilis and phthisis, is communicated by contagion; and, with this understanding, if we energetically put in force some simple precepts of cleanliness and hygiene, the disease will soon be greatly lessened in frequency. Few nations are so much interested in preventing leprosy as ourselves, since we possess territories in all parts of the world; and, whether we agree with Dr. Hansen, of Bergen, and recommend isolation of all lepers, or with Dr. Besnier, of Paris, who is content with less severe methods of treating such patients, there can no longer be any doubt permitted as to the direction in which we should proceed. Probably both leprosy and phthisis could be prevented if the patients were only most careful not to permit their secretions to come in contact with healthy persons. The bacillus of leprosy, I suppose, is far more commonly conveyed by means of the saliva, for it is known that the tears, the nasal mucus, and the saliva all swarm with the bacillus when these organs are attacked by this terrible disease.

Hence, just as, in the case of phthisis, the chief hygienic indication